

Greening Economies in the EU Eastern Neighbourhood: From Commitment to Results

Final Conference of the EaP GREEN Project

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Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine committed to transition towards a **green economy**, including through the 2011 and 2013 Declarations of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Summits. At the national level green economy and sustainable development have been recognised as “guiding principles” in several national development strategies. The “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) project, launched in 2013, has been a means to support the partner countries to progress faster towards a green economy through better management of natural capital in a context of demand for higher economic productivity and competitiveness. In support of this goal, EaP GREEN has provided independent, objective and evidence-based analyses based on sound and robust economic and financial principles. It has also developed methodological, legal, and conceptual material based on international good practice adapted to the country conditions and needs. In-country pilot projects have also been implemented to demonstrate how policies and tools can be applied in practice.

A **green economy** results in improved human wellbeing and social equity, with reduced environmental risks and ecological scarcities. A green economy aims to be resilient and provide a better quality of life for all within the ecological limits of the planet.

Green growth policies can attract investment and innovation by providing clear policy signals to investors and consumers for seeking new opportunities in markets which will foster growth and employment.

The EaP GREEN project has been funded by the European Union and supported by several EU Member States and OECD countries. It has been implemented by four international organisations: the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Purpose of the Conference

The final conference of the EaP GREEN will aim to:

- take stock of key results and impacts of the EaP GREEN in the six partner countries since its launch in 2013;
- highlight good examples, lessons learned and summarise remaining challenges,
- consider ways to reinforce efforts to green economies for an improved human well-being and social equity, with reduced environmental risks and ecological scarcities.

Participants

The Conference will bring together high level government officials from the EaP and the EU countries, the EaP GREEN National Focal Points from the Ministries of Environment and of Economy and other officials and experts from EaP countries involved in specific EaP GREEN activities. The representatives of the European Union's institutions, four implementing partners and other international organisations will also participate. Representatives of the NGOs will be invited to take part in the debate.

Simultaneous English-Russian interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

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All participants will be invited to an informal welcome dinner on 30 November 2017,
starting at 19:00 in the hotel's restaurant

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8:00 – 9:00	<i>Registration</i>
9:00 – 9:20	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Vassilis Maragos, Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission</i> • <i>Ms. Kumi Kitamori, Head of Division, Environment Directorate, OECD</i>
9:20 – 10:30	<p>Session 1: <i>The big picture: EaP GREEN results in the context of green economy trends</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EaP GREEN interactive quiz with all the participants (awards envisaged for the winners)</i> • <i>Overview presentation: Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD</i> • <i>Tour de table by the EaP countries</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Organic Coffee/Tea</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 2: <i>Lessons learned from mainstreaming sustainable consumption and production (SCP) into national development plans, legislation and regulatory frameworks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview: Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD and Ms. Nina Schneider, UN Environment</i> • <i>Presentation of main results and impacts of selected measures</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>A comprehensive strategic approach to greening the Moldovan economy – Ms Silvia Nicolaescu and Mr Andrei Isac, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Moldova</i> ○ <i>Reforming energy subsidies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ukraine – Ms Olena Ivanova, Ministry of Energy of Ukraine</i> – <i>Moldova – Ms Ina Cretu, State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova and Mr Rafal STANEK, SST Consult</i> • <i>Roundtable discussion on the results and remaining challenges</i> • <i>Brief summary of discussion – Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD and Ms. Nina Schneider, UN Environment</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Organic Lunch</i>

14:00 – 15:15	<p>Session 3: Lessons learned from promoting the use of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction: Mr Georges Kremlis, Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission</i> • <i>Overview by Ms. Tea Aulavuo and Mr. Martin Smutny, UNECE</i> • <i>Presentation of key results and impacts of selected measures</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>New SEA and EIA legislative and methodological framework in Ukraine - Ms. Nataliia Trofymenko, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine</i> ○ <i>Implementing SEA in practice: SEA of the National Strategy on the Use of Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources in Azerbaijan for the years 2015 – 2020 - Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan</i> • <i>Roundtable discussion on the results and remaining challenges</i> • <i>Brief summary of discussion - Mr. Martin Smutny UNECE</i>
15:15 – 16:30	<p>Session 4: Lessons learned from achieving a sector-level shift to green economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of the RECP work – Ms. Carolina Gonzalez-Mueller, UNIDO</i> • <i>Presentation of key results and impacts of selected measures</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Progress on RECP in Production Processes at the Company Level - Ms. Azada Rzayeva “M&T” Ltd Company, Azerbaijan</i> ○ <i>Promoting RECP and greening SMEs in Armenia - Mr. Khachik Hakobyan, Ministry of Nature Protection, Armenia</i> • <i>Overview of work on Sustainable Public Procurement - Farid Yaker, UN Environment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Progress in implementing Sustainable Public Procurement in Moldova - Mr. Ruslan Malai, Director, Public Procurement Agency, Republic of Moldova</i> ○ <i>Progress in implementing Sustainable Public Procurement in Ukraine - Ms. Svetlana Berzina, President of All Ukraine NGO «LIVING PLANET» in Ukraine</i> • <i>Roundtable discussion on the results and remaining challenges</i> • <i>Short summary of discussion - Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, UNIDO and Mr. Farid Yaker, UN Environment</i>
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Organic Coffee/Tea</i>
17:00 – 17:45	<p>Session 5: Possible next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Circular economy promotion: EU goals and role</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ms. Astrid Ladefoged, DG Environment (TBC)</i> • <i>From EaP GREEN to EU4 Environment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ms. Bella Nestorova, DG NEAR</i> • <i>Brief statements by partner countries and the Implementing Partners</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Roundtable by EaP countries and Partners</i>
17:45 – 18:00	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Summary of discussions and closing remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Vassilis Maragos, DG NEAR</i>
18:00 – 20:00	<i>Organic cocktail</i>